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SUBJECT: UPPER HOUSE DEBATE OF KIM TAE-CHUNG CASE SEPTEMBER 10

SUMMARY: DURING UPPER HOUSE PLENARY SESSION SEPT 10, GOJ ADAMANTLY DEFENDED POSITION IT HAS TAKEN IN KIM TAE-CHUNG CASE AGAINST RENEWED OPPOSITION CHARGES OF WEAKNESS AND DEMANDS FOR CUT-OFF OF AID TO ROK, ABROGATION OF JAPAN-ROK TREATY AND ABOLITION OF JAPAN-ROK MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE. PRIMIN TANAKA SAID THAT GOJ WOULD TAKE NECESSARY STEPS TO ENSURE THAT ROK TAKES RESPONSIBILITY, IN EVENT THAT CONTINUING INVESTIGATION DEMONSTRATES THAT ROK DID, INDEED, VIOLATE JAPANESE SOVEREIGNTY. SINCE THIS NOT DEMONSTRABLE AT PRESENT STAGE PRIMIN SAID IT INAPPROPRIATE TO COMMENT ON SPECIFIC STEPS WHICH MIGHT BE CONSIDERED. END SUMMARY.

1. IN EXTENDED REPLY TO QUESTION BY TATSUO YAMAZAKI (LDP) DURING UPPER HOUSE PLENARY SESSION MONDAY, PRIMIN TANAKA REAFFIRMED GOJ POLICY OF CONTINUING TO SEEK ROK COOPERATION TO REACH QTE FAIR
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SETTLEMENT UNQTE OF KIM TAE-CHUNG CASE. NOTING THAT INVESTIGATION

DATA PROVIDED BY ROK INADEQUATE, PRIMIN ACKNOWLEDGED EXISTENCE OF DIFFERENCES BETWEEN JAPAN AND ROK ABOUT INDIVIDUALS WHOSE INVOLVEMENT IN CASE DISCLOSED BY JAPANESE POLICE INVESTIGATION. PRIMIN ASSERTED, HOWEVER, THAT THERE ONLY ONE TRUTH. PRIMIN ALSO EXPRESSED HOPE OF FURTHER DEVELOPING JAPAN-ROK RELATIONS IN MANNER CONSONANT WITH SPIRIT OF PRAISEWORTHY NEW ROK FOREIGN POLICY INITIATIVE.

2. FONMIN MASAYOSHI OHIRA CONCEDED THAT JAPANESE INVESTIGATION FACES BLANK WALL BECAUSE OF ROK REFUSAL TO PERMIT KIM TAE-CHUNG AND KIM DONG-WOON TO RETURN TO JAPAN, BUT DENIED THAT GOJ STUDYING HALT IN AID TO ROK. OHIRA ALSO DENIED THAT GOJ CONSIDERING PROPOSAL FOR JOINT JAPAN-ROK INVESTIGATION OF CASE. DISPATCH OF SPECIAL ENVOY TO ROK, OHIRA SUGGESTED, MIGHT BE STUDIED IN LIGHT OF FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS IN CASE.

3. HIDEO DEN (JSP) EXCORIATED GOJ FOR WEAKNESS OF POSITION, AND CALLED FOR HALT IN AID TO ROK, ABROGATION OF JAPAN-ROK TREATY AND INDEFINITE POSTPONEMENT OF JAPAN-ROK MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE. DEN ALSO DEMANDED END TO GOJ SUPPORT FOR SIMULTANEOUS ACCESSION TO UN BY BOTH NORTH AND SOUTH KOREA, CHARGING THAT ADMISSION OF UNDEMOCRATIC PARK REGIME WOULD TRAMPLE ON ASPIRATIONS OF KOREAN PEOPLE FOR PEACEFUL UNIFICATION. IN REPLY, PRIMIN TANAKA DENIED THAT GOJ HAS SLIGHTEST INTENTION OF HALTING AID, SUSPENDING MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE OR ABROGATING TREATY. PRIMIN SUPPORTED SIMULTANEOUS ENTRY INTO UN OF BOTH KOREAS AS PART OF PROCESS OF PEACEFUL UNIFICATION WHICH DESIRED BY JAPAN TOO, PROVIDED PEACE AND SECURITY IN KOREAN PENINSULA ASSURED. PRIMIN EXPRESSED BELIEF THAT ROK IS NATION FOUNDED ON DOCTRINE OF FREEDOM AND DEMOCRACY AND DECLINED TO DEBATE ITS INTERNAL LAWS WITH DEN.

4. IN RESPONSE TO FURTHER QUESTION BY DEN, MINJUSTICE ISAJI TANAKA STATED THAT GOJ HAS NOT, AND DOES NOT INTEND TO INVESTIGATE ACTIVITIES OF KCIA IN JAPAN. FONMIN OHIRA NOTED THAT NO EFFORT BY GOJ, HOWEVER GREAT, COULD BREACH WALL OF IMMUNITY FROM CRIMINAL JURISDICTION GRANTED DIPLOMATS BY COUNTRY TO WHICH ACCREDITED.

5. IN RESPONSE TO QUESTION BY GIICHIRO SHIRAKI (KOMEITO) PRIMIN TANAKA STATED THAT GOJ WOULD CONTINUE TO CONDUCT OWN INVESTIGATION TO CLARIFY FACTS OF CASE. PRIMIN STATED THAT KIM CASE IS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PROBLEM WHICH HAS ARISEN BETWEEN JAPAN AND ROK, BUT DENIED THAT IT RELATED IN ANY WAY TO PEACEFUL UNIFICATION OF NORTH AND SOUTH KOREA.

6. TAKESHI WATANABE (JCP) DEMANDED THAT GOJ ABROGATE TREATY AND RENOUNCE KOREAN CLAUSE OF 1969 US-JAPAN JOINT COMMUNIQUE. WATANABE ALSO DEMANDED THAT JAPAN WITHDRAW FROM QTE US-JAPAN-ROK MILITARY ALLIANCE UNQTE. PRIMIN TANAKA REPLIED THAT JAPAN

WOULD TAKE NECESSARY MEASURES IN EVENT JAPANESE INVESTIGATION
DEMONSTRATES ACTUAL VIOLATION OF JAPANESE SOVEREIGNTY. MINJUSTICE
TANAKA ADDED THAT JAPAN WOULD TAKE NECESSARY STEPS
TO ASSURE THAT ROK TAKE RESPONSIBILITY WHETHER INVESTIGATION
SHOULD DISCLOSE HIGH-LEVEL OR LOW-LEVEL INVOLVEMENT OF ROK
GOVERNMENT AGENCY, OR EVEN ROK GOVERNMENT AGENCY USE OF
PERSONS IN QTE INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY UNQTE.

7. PRES ALSO REPORTS THAT AMBASSADOR USHIROKU HAS BEEN CALLED
BACK TO TOKYO BRIEFLY, TO ATTEND ASIA PACIFIC CHIEFS
OF MISSION CONFERENCE AT MOFA BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 17.
PRES NOTES SPECULATION THAT USHIROKU BEING CALLED HOME TO
DISCUSS MEANS TO BREAK JAPAN-ROK IMPASSE OVER KIM CASE.

8. MEANWHILE JSP DIET POLICY COMMITTEE DECIDED MONDAY TO
CALL ON LDP AND OPPOSITION PARTIES TO ADOPT DIET RESOLUTION
DEMANDING RETURN OF KIM TAE-CHUNG TO JAPAN. RESOLUTION WOULD
ALSO DEMAND RETURN OF TWO EYEWITNESSES WHOM JAPANESE POLICE
WISH TO QUESTION, YANG IL-DONG AND KIM KYUNG-IN. JSP
INFORMED PRESS THAT DECISION WAS BASED ON CONCERN THAT INCONCLU-
SIVE STALEMATE WOULD DEVELOP IN
CASE UNLESS POSITIVE STEPS TAKEN NOW. IN VAGUE ECHO OF GOJ
LANGUAGE, JSP SPOKESMAN ALSO SAID THAT JSP HOPES TO SETTLE CASE
IN QTE FAIR AND REASONABLE MANNER UNQTE.
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